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**German questions and recommendations to
Italy**

German National Statement

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Mr. President,

Germany welcomes the Delegation of Italy to the UPR. We commend Italy for the progress achieved since the first cycle, starting from an already very high level of promotion and protection of human rights. While some challenges persist, we particularly welcome the achievement of passing legislation to address the issues of overcrowding in prisons and violence against women, also in the domestic sphere. We welcome the allocation of funds to develop an anti-violence action plan and to offer accommodation to victims of violence.

We trust in an effective and timely implementation of these laws and would like to offer the following three recommendations:

- 1) Develop and implement the national anti-violence action plan at the earliest possible date.
- 2) Allocate sufficient funds for the effective protection of victims who report gender-based violence and to focus on training and education in order to prevent such acts of violence, especially within the family.
- 3) Take concrete steps to implement the national Roma Strategy within the next two years.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Question submitted in advance by Germany:

- 1) In the realm of the recently passed legislation on overcrowding in prisons ("decreto vuota carceri"), which has already led to a decrease in detainees, how does Italy plan to further address the situation of the large percentage of detainees held on remand? What concrete measures are foreseen to guarantee a timely access to a fair trial and to reduce the average length of trials?